

START:

From: tony higgins <tony.higgins123@gmail.com>

Date: August 7, 2020 at 12:19:13 PM PDT

To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabeach.gov>, Suja Lowenthal <suja@hermosabeach.gov>, Paul LeBaron <plebaron@hermosabeach.gov>, Kelly Orta <korta@hermosabeach.gov>, tony higgins <tony.higgins123@gmail.com>

Cc: Parks Commission <dg_parksrecommission@hermosabch.org>, Planning Commission <DG_PlanningCommission@hermosabch.org>, Michael Jenkins <MJenkins@localgovlaw.com>

Subject: 300,000 Deaths By December? 9 Takeaways From The Newest COVID-19 Projections

Dear Mayor Campbell

Dear Suja Lowenthal

Dear Chief LeBaron

Dear Ms Orta

I found the following story on the NPR iPhone App

300,000 Deaths By December? 9 Takeaways From The Newest COVID-19 Projections

by Nurith Aizenman

NPR - August 6, 2020

By Dec. 1, the U.S. death toll from COVID-19 could reach nearly 300,000. That's the grim new projection from researchers at the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation — one of the more prominent teams modeling the pandemic. The new forecast, released Thursday, projects that between now and December, 137,000 people will die on top of the roughly 160,000 who have died so far....

https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/08/06/900000671/300-000-deaths-by-december-9-takeaways-of-the-newest-covid-19-projections?sc=17&f=1001&utm_source=iosnewsapp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=app

This is why we must get mask compliance in force citywide or at a minimum all points west of Manhattan Ave citywide... we must stem the tide of new infections

This is why the emergency masks enforcement order must be enforced at all construction sites, especially large new home construction sites and very job large sites like North School

City leaders know or should know that without getting mask compliance above the 90%-95% threshold, contact tracers are cannot hope to effectively respond given the current growth in infections far exceeds tracer capacity in Los Angeles County

The City must also get diagnostic tests with 4-24 hour results done at all restaurants, construction job sites and places of employment for ALL employees citywide who have significant public contact. Without this contact tracers can't do their job....

This is just common sense

And besides the deaths...

For people who are put on a mechanical ventilator, it's likely to be several months to a year before they recover full lung function, he explained. Some may never recover that functionality.

What is post-COVID fibrosis?

"Holes in the lung likely refers to an entity that has been dubbed 'post-COVID fibrosis,' otherwise known as post-ARDS [acute respiratory distress syndrome] fibrosis," said [Dr. Lori Shah](#), transplant pulmonologist at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

[ARDS](#) occurs when fluid builds up in tiny air sacs in the lungs called alveoli. This reduces oxygen in the bloodstream and deprives the organs of oxygen which **can lead to organ failure**.

Any organ... so besides 300,000 the deaths nationwide by December you have the potential lifelong serious long term health consequences for many who do survive

In summary

1. Amend mask enforcement citywide.

2. Ensure bi-weekly diagnostic tests are given to all employees of Hermosa businesses where employees have significant public contact or significant contact with other employees like at construction sites.

3. Get group activities at our parks and beaches under control and please spell out how you plan to enforce this

The city should dedicate at least 1 FTE or hire a contractor full time to go to businesses and jobsites twice weekly to administer tests and verify that daily screening is done (eg temperature checks)

In my view it's reckless to bring more visitors into the downtown business before getting these things in place first

Sometimes leadership has to have the courage to take unpopular actions, and never so more than now in the midst of both an unprecedented pandemic and the crash of the economy.

But we all know we cannot safely and sustainably open the economy until we get the above in place.

Thank you for considering...

Anthony Higgins

This is why we need a